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REMARKS

After entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-13 are pending in the application.

Claims 11-13 are newly added.

The allowance of claims 8-10 is noted with appreciation.

New claims 11-13 closely parallel allowed claims 8-10. The only difference is that the act of "storing said auxiliary data in said portable device" is omitted. Because this omitted language is not believed to be crucial to patentability of claims 8-10, claims 11-13 are believed to be similarly allowable.

Claims 1-7 now stand rejected over Lee (5,822,360) in view of Dent (5,430,760). While Lee and Dent may disclose different aspects of the arrangements detailed in claims 1-7, applicant respectfully submits that prima facie obviousness has not been established. In particular, the only motivation offered for the proposed combination is that it "would have been to provide to easily carry and communication."

This reasoning does not provide the sort of compelling rationale needed to uphold a finding of unpatentability under § 103. The Federal Circuit requires a reasoned analysis, e.g., drawing from objective evidence and involving specific factual findings. No such showing of unpatentability has been established. Instead, the Action appears to have fallen victim to impermissible hindsight analysis.

Favorable reconsideration and passage to issuance are solicited.

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